#### **CORRECTION**

# ADDENDUM NO. (19) 20 TO THE FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR THE SNOHOMISH COUNTY GMA COMPREHENSIVE PLAN 2015 UPDATE

Adoption of 2020 County-Initiated Amendments to the Snohomish County Growth Management Act (GMA) Comprehensive Plan and Implementing Development Regulations (GPP20-3)

#### **Prepared Consistent with**

The Washington State Environmental Policy Act of 1971 Chapter 43.21C Revised Code of Washington Chapter 197-11, Washington Administrative Code Snohomish County Code Title 30



**Snohomish County Planning and Development Services** 

Date of Issuance: July 28, 2020

#### **FACT SHEET**

**Project Title:** 

2020 County-Initiated Amendments to the Snohomish County Growth Management Act (GMA) Comprehensive Plan and Implementing Development Regulations

Proposed Non-Project Action: The proposed non-project action considered by this State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) review is the adoption of the 2020 county-initiated amendments to the GMA comprehensive plan and implementing development regulations and consists of Technical Corrections (GPP20-3). This proposal would amend maps and text in the General Policy Plan (GPP) and the Capital Facilities Plan (CFP) and amend the Unified Development Code (UDC).

### Purpose of the EIS Addendum:

The purpose of this addendum is to add information and analysis relating to the non-project programmatic county action described above. This information does not change the analysis of previously identified significant impacts of the alternatives to the county's GMA comprehensive plan within the SEPA documents dated September 8, 2014, (Draft EIS) and June 3, 2015, (Final EIS). No additional significant impacts beyond those identified in the 2015 FEIS are expected to occur.

This addendum is being issued in accordance with WAC 197-11-625 and WAC 197-11-630. The adopted environmental documents listed herein, together with this addendum, meet the county's environmental review needs for the current proposal.

# Description of Proposals:

The proposed amendments to the GMA comprehensive plan are described as follows:

1. Technical Corrections (GPP20-3) consists of: a) updates to Maps 1, 2, 4 and 5 of the GPP to recognize properties that are no longer under county jurisdiction due to a city annexation; b) corrections to identified mapping errors in the Future Land Use Map (Map 1 of the GPP) and the Municipal Urban Growth Areas Map (Map 3 of the GPP); c) updates to the Public Wastewater Systems Map in the CFP due to recent sewer district annexations; and d) removal of references to the outdated Freeway Service zone in the GPP and in the UDC.

## Location of Proposal:

The proposed county-initiated amendments to the GMA comprehensive plan would apply to unincorporated areas of Snohomish County.

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Action Sponsor Lead Agency:

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Required Approval

**Review:** 

Snohomish County Council – Adoption of ordinance Snohomish County Planning Commission – Review and recommendation

Washington State Dept. of Commerce – Coordination of state comments

Circulation and Comment:

This addendum, or notice of availability, is being sent to all recipients of the

previously issued Draft and Final EIS for the Snohomish County

Comprehensive Plan 2015 Update as required by WAC 197-11-625. No comment period is required for this addendum under WAC 197-11-

502(8)(c).

The EIS Addendum

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#### **ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW**

#### **Overview:**

The adoption of amendments to the GMA Comprehensive Plan is a non-project action under the Washington State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA). This Addendum is not intended to satisfy individual project action SEPA requirements (the review needed for a future site-specific land use or building permit application). This Addendum does not significantly change the analysis of impacts and alternatives contained in the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) prepared in 2015 for the Comprehensive Plan 2015 Update, nor does it identify new or significantly different impacts.

#### **Prior Environmental Review**

The county issued a Draft EIS for the county's Comprehensive Plan 2015 Update on September 8, 2014, and issued a Final EIS on June 3, 2015. The elements of the environment addressed in both of these EIS documents included elements of both the natural and built environment: earth, air, water, plants and animals, land and shoreline use, population and employment, cultural resources, transportation, energy, public services, and utilities.

#### Addendum Environmental Review

According to the SEPA Rules, an Addendum to an EIS provides additional analysis and/or information about a proposal or alternatives where their significant environmental impacts have been disclosed and identified in a previous environmental document (WAC 197-11-600(3)(b)(ii)). An Addendum is appropriate when the impacts of the new proposal are the same general types as those identified in the prior document, and when the new analysis does not substantially change the analysis of significant impacts and alternatives identified in the prior environmental documents (WAC 197-11-600(4)(e), WAC 197-11-706).

This Addendum to the Comprehensive Plan 2015 Update EIS is being issued pursuant to WAC 197-11-625 to meet the County's SEPA responsibility. The Comprehensive Plan 2015 Update EIS evaluated plan alternatives and impacts that encompass the same general policy direction, land use patterns, capital facilities planning and environmental impacts that are expected to be associated with the proposed amendments identified in this Addendum. No additional significant impacts beyond those identified in the county's EIS for the Comprehensive Plan 2015 Update are expected to occur as a result of the proposed amendments. No additional programmatic level environmental review will be required to the extent that the existing environmental documents listed in this Addendum and other published documents have analyzed the proposed amendments.

#### Affected Environment, Significant Impacts, and Mitigation Measures – Natural Environment

Any potential impacts to elements of the Natural Environment listed below that could result from the proposed 2020 county-initiated amendments to the GMA comprehensive plan are addressed in the DEIS and FEIS. Any future site-specific development or land use proposal not exempted by WAC 197-11-800 or SCC 30.61.035 would be subject to a separate SEPA review. No additional mitigating measures are warranted beyond those identified in the DEIS and FEIS:

- 1) Earth, Topography, Soils, and Erosion
- 2) Air Quality and Climate Change
- 3) Water Resources (Ground and Surface)
- 4) Fish, Wildlife, Vegetation, and Wetlands

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#### Affected Environment, Significant Impacts, and Mitigation Measures – Built Environment

Any potential impacts to elements of the Built Environment listed below that could result from the proposed 2020 county-initiated amendments to the GMA comprehensive plan are addressed in the DEIS and FEIS. Changes to 1) land and shoreline use; 2) plans and policies; and 3) population, housing and employment are consistent with and implement relevant county, regional and state plans and policies. Any future site-specific development or land use proposal not exempted by WAC 197-11-800 or SCC 30.61.035 would be subject to a separate SEPA review. No additional mitigating measures are warranted beyond those identified in the DEIS and FEIS.

- 1) Land and Shoreline Use
- 2) Plans and Policies
- 3) Population, Housing and Employment
- 4) Cultural Resources
- 5) Transportation
- 6) Energy
- 7) Public Services and Utilities

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